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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ryals et al.

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Examiner: Dhirubhai R. Patel

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FOR: WIRE PROTECTOR AND RELATED METHODS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant provides the present response to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004 ("the Office Action").

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.